Irrigation Potential

1903. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :
SHRI JAGESH DESAI :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total irrigation potential in the country ;

(b) what is the present requirement and how much is to be created; and

(c) what are the details in this regard pertaining to Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA) : (a) and (b) The ultimate irrigation potential of the country has been assessed as 113 m. ha. By March, 1990, an irrigation potential of 78.97 m. ha. is anticipated to have been created both by major and medium projects and minor irrigation schemes including ground water development.

(c) The ultimate irrigation potential of Maharashtra is 7.3 m. ha. At the end of VII Plan, the anticipated achievement of irrigation potential in the State is 4.2 m. ha. During the year 1990-91 the State Government has proposed to create an irrigation potential of 87,500 ha. For this purpose the Planning Commission have approved the outlay of Rs. 462·02 crores during 1990-91.

Implementation of loan waiving scheme in Tripura

1904. SHRI NARAYAN KAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) by when and in what manner the decision of waiveing of agricultural loan upto Rs. 10,000/- is being implemented in Tripura ; and

(b) whether the Central Government are aware that the Left front of Tripura has demanded 100 per cent assistance for the implementation of the Scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) Government of India have formulated a Scheme known as 'Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990' for providing debt relief to farmers, landless cultivators, artisans and weavers upto Rs. 10,000/- by public sector banks and regional rural banks. In so far as the banks in cooperative sector are concerned. State Governments have been requested to frame schemes on a similar pattern.

On the basis of advice rendered to State Governments by Government of India, necessary steps have been taken by many State Governments to formulate debt relief schemes covering loans given by co-operatives.

The Central Government will bear full responsibility of debt relief in respect of loans taken from public sector banks and regional rural banks. In order to assist the State Governments including Tripura in regard to debt relief scheme, the Central Government will bear 50% of the burden of relief on loans taken from these banks in the State sector. The Government of India have also advised the State Governments in June 1990 that the State Cooperative Banks and State Land Development Banks can also avail concessional loan from the Natonal Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development to meet their share of 50% of the cost of debt relief of the Co-operatives.

Lok Adalats held in Tripura

1905. SHRI NARAYAN KAR : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) how many sittings of Lok Adalats were held in Tripura during 1988 and 1989 and the total amount of money spent on holding the Lok Adalats ; and

(b) whether Government are aware that corrupt practices were indulged in holding Lok Adalat at Bishalghar Block by the Commandant T.S.R. who was associated with organising this Adalat ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected from the Tripura Legal Aid and Advice Board and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Financing of Handloom Industry in the Private Sector by Small Industries Development Bank

1906. SHRI KOTAIAH PRAGADA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Small Industries Development Bank under the Industrial Development Bank of India proposes to undertake financing of the handloom industry in the private sector ; and

(b) if so, what are the norms laid down for the purpose ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has reported that term loans granted by eligible institutions/banks for the purpose of setting up of handloom and hand-operated weaving, reeling and spinning units are eligible for refinance assistance from it under its Composite Loan Scheme.

Assistance under the Composite Loan Scheme is generally extended as composite term loan for equipment finance or working capital or both. Artisans, village and cottage industries and SSIs in the tiny sector are assisted under this scheme. Loans upto Rs. 50,000 are granted under the scheme at a very concessional rate of interest without insisting for the promoter's contribution.

Corruption in Vijaya Bank

1907. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Business Standard of January 12, 1990 regarding corruption in Vijaya Bank ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the Chairman of the Vijaya Bank ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has investigated the matter. Further action is under consideration of RBI.

Use of jute bags in fertilizer and cement industries

1908. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is importing jute from foreign countries ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the guidelines have been issued to use 100% jute bags for fertilizer and cement industries ;